

REMARKS

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 23, 2009.

Claims 1, 14, 23, 30, 59 and 61 are amended. Claims 2, 47 and 60, have been canceled, and claims 62-64 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example claim 1 and original claims 2, 6, 8 and 9. Claims 1, 3-46 and 49-64 are pending and at issue in this application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action at page 2, claim 61 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in regards to the phrase "the polymer composition". This phrase has been deleted in claims 59 and 61 and replaced with the phrase the "reservoir layer". This should obviate the rejection.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action at pages 2-3, claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15-22, 24-27, 31, 34-38, 49-57, 59, and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5620738 (Fan) and U.S. Patent No. 6663662 (Pacetti).

On page 5-6 of the Office Action, claims 2, 5-7, 9, 12-14, 23, 28-30, 32, 33, 39-46 were deemed allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. The Examiner has also deemed claim 58 allowable and claim 61 allowable if the 112 rejections are addressed. Claim 61, as indicated above has been amended to over the 112 rejections.

Claim 2 has been deleted and its allowable subject matter has been incorporated into claim 1. New independent claim 62 has been added based on original claim 1 and allowable claim 6.

Therefore, amended claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-46, 49-57 and 59, claim 58 and its amended dependent claim 61, and new claim 62 and its new dependent claims 63 and 64, should all be deemed allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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